Renting Telephone alongwith premises

2207. SHRI S. MADHAVAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Madras Telephone Department propose to permit the owners of apartments, with phone facility, to rent out the telephone alongwith the premises to commercial establishments as in the case of residential buildings; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) :

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Revenue from International Telecom

2208. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the revenue collection during the last three years, year-wise from international telecommunication;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a sharp increase in revenue from international telecommunication since announcement of liberalisation globalisation of economy and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what other measures are proposed to be taken during the current year and during the year 1993-94 to strengthen international communication ,

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Sir, the revenue collected from international telecommunication by Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd. (VSNL) an undertaking of the Department of Telecom during the last three years is as under .—

1989-90	Rs. 328.42 crores
1990-91	Rs. 395.43 crores
1991-92	Rs. 616.53 crores

The revenue cited above is exclusive of the domestic revenue collected for the haulage of international calls in the domestic sector.

(b) Liberalisation/globalisation of economy can be one of the factor only for which there is no data available. The factors leading to sharp increase in revenue in the year 1991-92 can be summarised as under :—

(i) Addition of new telephone terminations in the VSNL's International Gateway Telephony switches, creating more outlets, and

(ii) Increase in revenue on account of changes in Foreign Exchange parity, and

(iii) Better Management and Quality Control of Network.

(c) To strengthen international telecommunication during the current year and during the year 1993-94, some of the measures under implementation are :

(i) Augmentation of International switching capacities by adding 11,000 additional terminations in the International Gateway Telephony switches by June, 1993.

(ii) Construction of two standard-A (18 meter diameter) Intelsat Earth Stations at Calcutta and Madras to increase satellite transmission capacities to these Regions. These stations are expected to be commissioned for service by March, 1994.

(iii) Speeding up provision of high speed (64 Kbps and higher speed) leased data lines for customers.

(iv) Implementation of the multinational South East Asia-Middle East-Western Europe (SEA-ME-WE-2) Submarine Fibre Optic Cable link

from Singapore to France touching India.

(v) Augmentation of Packet Switches to implement more efficient switched date communication facilities.

(vi) Commissioning of Land Earth Station for Mobile communications working on Inmarsat Global Network. Inmarsat-A services are in operation from May, 1992. Inmarsat-C services are expected to be operational by March, 1993.

(vii) Introduction of International Value Added Services like-video Conferencing, EDI etc.

Delivery of Postal Articles in Person

2209. SHRI E. BALANANDAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Postal Department contemplate to dispense with the present system of delivery of postal articles in person in all big cities by directing owners of flats to have post boxes at the entrance of the buildings; and

(b) if so, what is the number of postmen that will be rendered surplus ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) No, Sir. Department has notified Mail Delivery Order, 1991 which requires all addresses in stroyed buildings except those at the ground floor to provide mail box at the ground floor for delivery of fully paid unregistered mail addressed to them. All other mail and fully paid unregistered mail of sizes that do not admit of being delivered in the box will continue to be delivered at the address. The Order, however, allows continuance of door delivery of all mail, to addresses who have not yet been able to provide the box to enable smooth transition until the order becomes mandatory at the station.

(b) This is a measure meant to expedite delivery. No surplus post of postman is envisaged at present.

STD Facility in Districts of Bihar

2210. SHRI GAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of District Centres in Bihar where STD facility is not available so far;

(b) what is the number of panchayats in Bihar, which are proposed to be linked by Telephone; and

(c) whether it is a fact that telephone in district centres and such divisions generally remain dead ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) S.T.D. facility is available for all the 50 District Headquarters in Bihar.

(b) 4643 out of 11678 Panchayats in Bihar are already linked with telephone facility and the remaining Panchayats are proposed to be linked with Telephone progressively by 31st March, 1995.

(c) No, Sir. The incidence of faults on telephones is not abnormal in district centres or sub-divisions. However, there may be instances when the exchanges are unable to function due to poor voltage regulation or prolonged interruption in power supply.

Surplus Staff in Department of Telecommunications

2211. SHRI E. BALANANDAN : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of employees rendered surplus as on the 31st March, 1992 in the Department of Telecommunications cadrewise list; and

(b) what are the plans of Government for their re-deployment ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU) : (a) Nil.

(b) Does not arise.